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In developing purebred stock, sheep producers often need crates to ship pedigreed animals to other producers. The crates are also useful for teenagers with sheep projects and for shipping show animals to fairs or exhibitions. Shipping crates can add unnecessarily to the cost of transfer if they are discarded at the destination. Therefore, shippers often request that the shipping crates be returned to them.

The collapsible crate shown on the reverse side of this sheet is designed to be folded into a small package for return to the shipper.

The collapsible crate costs more to construct than a noncollapsible one; both plans are illustrated.

Regulations for sizes of crates for foreign shipment of sheep require that they be 3 feet high, and 1 foot longer and wider than the length and breadth of the animal. Clearances must be increased 50 percent for animals in advanced stages of pregnancy.

Water and feed troughs may be made to hook onto the end of the crate. The collapsible design is better suited to watering and feeding than is the noncollapsible design.

> A large-scale working drawing may be obtained through your county agent or from the Extension agricultural engineer at most State agricultural colleges. There is usually a small charge.

> ORDER PLAN NO. 5867, SHIPPING CRATES FOR SHEEP

If the large-scale drawings are not available in your State, write to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering Research Division, Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Md.—The U.S. Department of Agriculture does not distribute drawings, but will direct you to a State that does distribute them.

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